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2c Whistler, Lowell, Mass.	Sept. 5
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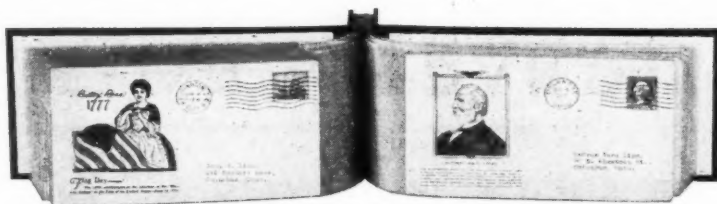
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S. P. A. Convention at Cleveland

STAMP collectors, members of the Society of Philatelic Americans, their friends and visitors, will soon be answering the call to the 46th Annual Convention of the S. P. A. to be held at Hotel Statler, Cleveland, Ohio, from August 29th through September 1st. When the visitors begin pouring into Cleveland they will find members of the Cleveland Stamp Club of Cleveland and of the McKinley Stamp Club of Canton on hand to greet them, for those two clubs are the hosts to the Convention. And those from

hoped that an air of such friendliness will prevail that visitors will feel at home at once. For the purpose of getting better acquainted at the beginning of the Convention, the annual banquet will be held on the opening night, Thursday, August 29th.

The ladies committee has been working out an interesting program for the visiting ladies, and it is hoped that every one attending will have a full program at all times, and will go back home feeling that they have just attended the Convention of all Conventions. Those

and be open to members. It will be parked on one of the busiest corners in Cleveland, directly opposite the Hotel Statler. This will afford many collectors their first opportunity to view the Philatelic Truck and receive one of the miniature label sheets picturing the White House.

Aviation enthusiasts will find Cleveland Airport a place of much interest, covering one thousand acres, the home of the National Air Races, which incidentally will not be held this year due to the fact that the Army and Navy



Cleveland Municipal Airport, scene of many aero-philatelic events

out of the state that might get the impression these two clubs are from adjacent towns, will be surprised to learn that Canton is some sixty miles south of Cleveland.

Visitors will find in Cleveland the ideal Convention City, for being so centrally located it is within easy driving or public transportation distance from a good portion of the country. This alone should guarantee a good crowd from out of the state. Then Cleveland has so many outstanding attractions for visitors, both in the educational and cultural fields as well as the industrial and manufacturing. No matter how varied one's tastes may be, there will be something of interest for you to see while in Cleveland.

Upon arriving at Hotel Statler, the headquarters for the Convention, it is

ladies in attendance who are not the stamp collecting parts of their respective families will find plenty of outside entertainment and diversion. So those who may be hesitating on that account, do come and let the ladies committee keep you busy.

The members of the McKinley Stamp Club are planning the trip to Canton on Friday, August 30th, and it is hoped that this will be one of the high spots of the meeting. The trip will be made by motor coach and a program of sightseeing has been arranged, among them being a visit to the McKinley Monument, the last resting place of President William McKinley.

One of the outstanding features at the Convention will be the visit of the Philatelic Truck. It will remain in Cleveland for the duration of the Convention

Air Corps are busy with the National Defense Program so plans for the Air Races have been abandoned for this year. On the Canton trip it is planned to bring the coaches back by the Good-year-Zeppelin air dock to enable one to see the largest building of its kind in the world, it being impossible at the present time to visit the air dock itself.

THE EXHIBITION

This year, for the first time at an S. P. A. Convention, the exhibition will be a "non-classified" show. That is, exhibits will be judged on their merits without reference to any classification. Of course, exhibits may also be entered "not for competition."

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rarity. There will be ten first awards, ten second awards, and ten third awards, in addition to the following trophies:

GRAND AWARD—The J. Edward Vining Trophy—presented for the best exhibit in the opinion of the judges, eliminating any exhibit having won a grand award more than twice at any national convention. Cleveland Stamp Club Trophy—for the best exhibit of foreign stamps, excluding British Colonials. McKinley Stamp Club—for the best exhibit of United States stamps. Past President's Trophy—for the best presentation, mounting and write-up. Rich Trophy—for the best exhibit of British Colonials. Adolf Gunesch Trophy—for the best exhibit of Precancel stamps. Codding Trophy—for the best junior exhibit. Officer's Trophy—The Visiting Firemen of Philately—for the best exhibit showing the greatest philatelic research. S. I. A. Chapter No. 3 Trophy—for the best exhibit of souvenir sheets, eliminating first prize winners in this classification at any previous national convention. International Postal Slogan Society Trophy—for the best exhibit of postal cancellations on cover or portion of cover, exclusive of rubber stamp or cork markings.

The bourse will be set up in the same room with the exhibitions. One six-foot table and four chairs will be provided. Dealers wishing to make reservations should contact E. N. Ong, Bourse Chairman, at 700 Hanna Building, Cleveland, Ohio. Hotel reservations may be made with V. C. Michel, 1440 Clarence Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio.

The program opens with an unofficial get together at 6 P.M. on Wednesday by the early bird arrivals. On Thursday (and each succeeding day) the registration desk will open at 9 A.M. The registration fee will be 50¢ this year. The various entertainment features will be optional and priced as low as cost will permit. The Philatelic Truck will be open Thursday and Friday from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. and on Saturday from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Bourse and exhibition will open also at 9 A.M. each day except Sunday when it opens an hour later.

The business sessions will open at 10 A.M. on each of the first three days closing around noon. Special features each day are as follows:

Thursday—Convention branch post office opens at 9 A.M. and a Meter demonstration is given. Sightseeing tour for the ladies at 2 P.M. Annual banquet at 7 P.M. 10:30 P.M., a meeting of the "Vultures" S. P. A. branch 108.

Friday—Trip to Meyers Lake Park, Canton, at 11 A.M. The convention auction sale by Lambert Gerber at 8 P. M. 10:30 P.M. meetings of Foot-loose Filatelists and Ladies Branch No. 00. At 11:30 P. M. the Visiting Firemen will have a conflagration.

Saturday—A philatelic writers breakfast at 8:30 A.M. At 10 A.M. a sightseeing and shopping tour for the ladies with a luncheon following. A broadcast over a nationwide hookup at 12:15 P.M. EST under chairmanship of J. Edward Vining. Meetings of Federated Polish Clubs, postal history students, and Souvenir Issues Assn. at 2 P.M.,

2:30 P.M., and 3 P.M. respectively. At 10 P.M. a Jamboree.

Sunday—Philatelic Breakfast at 9:30 P.M. 2:30 P.M. meeting of the International Postal Slogan Society. Closing of bourse and exhibition at 5 P.M.

A bulletin board will announce additional special events.

—Robert L. Chapman

• Albert H. Harris compiled a list of stamps in current use in the British Empire and found 1,043 stamps exclusive of officials and postage dues as well as Indian native stamp issues were in use at the present time. Face value of the 1043 is £101/13/3.

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SATURDAY, July 27 the Advance Sheets of the 1941 Edition of Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue commenced arriving in the mails. By Wednesday of the following week, sheets had arrived for all countries from Abyssinia to Esthonia. U. S. sheets of course not to be expected until last. Scott Publications, Inc. have announced that the catalogue will be issued on Sept. 16, cloth bound or with thumb index, at same prices as in previous editions, \$3.00 and \$3.50 respectively.

The first change that attracts the eye in glancing over the Advance Sheets is the rearrangement and rewriting of the text matter under the heading for each country. Geographical and historical facts are presented under subtitles with emphasis on those matters which affected stamp issues. The dates of use or inauguration of different currencies are also given in parentheses following each currency.

Overprints and surcharges are in numerous instances now illustrated by themselves instead of as they appeared on the stamp, making checking much easier. Though this has not been done with all such illustrations, the publishers report making some 550 new illustrations of overprints for this edition. The overprints that were formerly hard to identify due to dark color of stamp obscuring it, are now a little easier identified.

When writing up one's collection, no longer will such things as "1928-37" prove a headache. Now the various values issued after the initial year of issuance have the date of their appearance in parentheses following the color description. This has been added to the issues regrouped in the last edition and also to new regroupings. Afghanistan offers good examples in the regrouping of its complex issues of 1910-1920. While this information is not yet complete, the year of issue is indicated where this is known in all instances.

In Aitutaki we find the first example of another new feature, the placing of watermark illustrations alongside the stamps in each country on which the watermark first appears. This too cuts down the time necessary to classify stamps. In Aitutaki a clear idea is to be obtained of the improvement in illustrating overprints by themselves by comparing the same listings in the 1940 catalogue.

Corrections and revisions are numerous and since not as noticeable as the other features mentioned, will escape the casual checkup. The descriptive matter giving reason for issuance of various stamps has been corrected to bring it up to date with recent discoveries. References with either illustration or bold type are noted oftener in the Advance Sheets of the stamps not recognized by Scott's.

In prices, most changes are slight ones, up or down. There seems to be

no decided trend upward or downward in prices, and from this first group it might be expected that price changes will about balance when all are totalled, the increases equalling the cuts. Certain stamps which were imported in large quantities as refugee material have been cut slightly. In British Colonials the drop in the pound has had no noticeable effect. Slight advances in Silver Jubilees are noted.

Of importance to dealers particularly, also to many collectors, is the statement of the publishers that the regroupings and consequent renumbering which was commenced with the previous edition, have been completed. So want-lists and stock books will bear careful examination.

Coronado Stamp Sept. 7

According to a publicity release of the United States Coronado Exposition Commission, the date of issuance of a Coronado commemorative stamp was confirmed to the Commission on August 1, the confirmation stating the stamp would be issued Sept. 7. The Post Office Dept.'s official announcement of such a stamp has not arrived at time this was written and if it does arrive in time for mention in this edition of LINN'S, will be noted at foot of this paragraph.

The place of first day issue had not as of August 1 been decided. Though Bernalillo, New Mexico, would be more appropriate due to its close association with the Spanish explorer, the post office is very small and not thought suitable to handle a first day sale. Albuquerque, 17 miles away was thought better suited for the occasion. Coronado encamped two winters near what is now Bernalillo. It was then called "Tiguex."

The Post Office Dept. has announced that the 3c Coronado stamp will be issued at Albuquerque, N. M., on Sept. 7. Further details next week.

Postal History Relics May Seek Refuge

Authorities are reported as considering the transfer to Canada for duration of the war of the postal history relics and exhibits including much Rowland Hill material, that are presently housed in the Bruce Castle Museum at Tottenham, England. *Stamp Collecting* reports this. Various relics on display at the New York World's Fair will remain on this side.

● On August 15, the post office of Fort Washington, Md., will be discontinued. It is replaced by rural route service from Washington, D. C.

The Mailomat Meters

On May 17, 1939, the first Mailomat or coin-operated letter box was officially installed in the lobby of New York's General Post Office. It had received much advance publicity through newspapers, magazines, and radio, and the public was ready to receive the new invention and try it out in person. On this history-making day, Third Assistant Postmaster General Ramsey S. Black mailed the first two envelopes to President Roosevelt. Statistics show that 2,156 pieces of mail went through this automatic letter box, and the receipts amounted to \$63.91 which were removed and added to the postage revenue for the day.

The mailomat enables the public without the use of adhesive postage stamps to deposit coins up to 60c at a time, dial from this prepaid credit any postage values or denominations, insert letters or post cards and thus simultaneously prepay postage and deposit letters in a simple automatic operation. The available amount of the mailer's coin deposit is always visible to him through a glass window, and one or more letters can be mechanically stamped and mailed just as fast as they can be inserted in a guide slot.

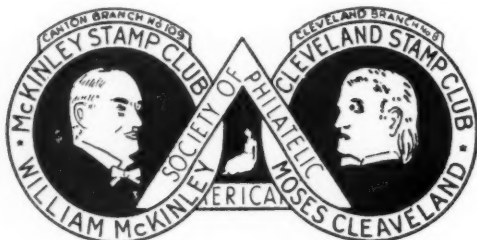
In reality it is a miniature postoffice to be operated by the individual mailer. At the twist of a dial, the exact U. S. postage denomination is available. There is an advantage of sanitary protection when compared with stamp licking. The outstanding advantage, however, is the speed of mail in dispatch from the outgoing office. Ordinary mail bearing adhesive stamps has to go through a post-marking and cancelling operation, but metered mail bears the date of mailing and city, so that it is ready to start towards its destination. Essentially, the mailomat is an outgrowth of the postage meter machines which have been used by business concerns for some time, only this makes meter mail available to the private citizen. It has required years of experimental research to bring it to its present state of perfection.

The second mailomat (No. 51002) made its appearance on October ninth at the Hotel Mayflower in Washington, D. C., where the annual convention of National Association of Postmasters was being held. Following the convention it was withdrawn. On November twenty-eighth another mailomat (No. 51003) was placed in operation at R. H. Macy Co. for the convenience of their customers, but on account of a mechanical defect, it was withdrawn after five days of service. It was replaced by mailomat No. 51002. There is a slogan reading "Mailed in Macy's, It's Smart to Be Thrifty." Two new mailomats were installed in Grand Central and Pennsylvania Stations on January eleventh, and they were welcomed by commuters who had letters to mail and no stamps. It is a simple matter to buy postage through a mailomat and it saves time waiting at stamp windows. Also there is

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S. P. A. Convention Souvenir Label

46TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
SOCIETY OF PHILATELIC AMERICANS



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AUG. 29-30-31, SEPT 1, 1940

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Philatelic Truck at Columbus

The Philatelic Truck will make its first visit to Columbus on Sept. 25 and will be present during the convention of the National Association of Postmasters here, Sept. 25-28. The Columbus Philatelic Club will have a small exhibition at the convention headquarters, featuring United States stamps.

• A stamp dealer who was always talking of sales in thousands of dollars was greeted one evening by his 12-year old son who announced, "Well, Dad, I've sold our dog."

"You've sold the dog?"

"Yes."

"What for?"

"Ten thousand dollars."

"Ten thousand dollars! What are you talking about? Where is the money?"

"I didn't get the money, Dad," responded the urchin, "I got two five-thousand dollar cats in exchange."

• Convention reporter, "To what do you attribute your old age?"

Veteran philatelist, "To the fact that I was born a long time ago."

• Dealer, "Did you give your new wife that economy lecture?"

Customer, "Yes."

Dealer, "Any results?"

Customer, "Yes, I have to give up collecting stamps."

• Early Russian stamps used in Poland are identified by the cancellations being numerals in the center of four concentric circles.

• Under a special agreement the stamps of Denmark, Schleswig and Schleswig-Holstein were sold at the Bergedorf post office in addition to the Bergedorf issues, and all could be used at the town.

• British stamps used during the Crimean War by the armed forces can be recognized by the elliptical grid cancel having in center either a crown flanked by stars, or a star flanked on either side by a letter.

• Many of the 1898-1916 Canadian imperforates are not known to exist except without gum, though unused.

• Thomas Paine, the American Revolutionary War pamphleteer who is depicted on a Polish stamp said, "I love the man who can smile in trouble."

• A proof of the die used to prepare plates of the Penny Black brought \$131 at a recent London auction.

• New York City within the metropolitan area has 85 stamp clubs, *The New York Sun* states.

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Royal Refugees

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World's Fair Benefit Auction

A stamp auction for the benefit of the British Red Cross will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 20 at 4:30 P. M. at the post office in Morris Gest's Midget Town at the New York World's Fair. Included among donated items will be six British Penny Black Centenary covers with autograph of the British Ambassador. Gregory Mozian will be auctioneer. Mail bids are accepted, also donation lots.

Stamp Club Activities

Portland, Me.—Annual fall meeting of the Maine Philatelic Society at Eastland Hotel, Sept. 21-22. Business session, auction, dinner and speakers on the first day; exhibition and philatelic movies on the second day. Exhibition is competitive and open to all New England. Entry data from the General Chairman, Henry Wing, 10 Congress Square, Portland.

First Day Calendar

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Coronado Commemorative — This proposed issue has not been officially announced.

• Post offices to be discontinued August 15 include Poplars, Maryland, and Lowe, N. C.



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39	5.00	.80	218	1.25	1.60
51	3.00	.12	219	1.60	1.75
57	.25	.07	221	2.25	2.75
59		.25	222		2.75
147	.15	.06	GWALIOR		
177	1.00	1.00	89	.10	
178	1.00	1.00	NEW ZEALAND		
D1	.05	.02	178	.85	.80
D2		.02	A5	1.00	1.00
D4		.02	NYASALAND		
D5		.03	44	.80	.80
D6		.03	ST. LUCIA		
D7		.03	106	6.00	6.00
AITUTAKI			SIERRA LEONE		
13	1.25	1.25	145	.80	.80
ANTIGUA			159	1.35	1.75
6	4.00	1.25	160	1.75	
AUSTRALIA			161	3.25	
A3	.20				
50	.25	.25			

• Santander, currently honored nationally by Colombia, predicted when in exile in Paris in 1830 that "Some day, when passions are no longer dominant, our fatherland will honor my name, too."

• Among the stamps recently destroyed by Iran were 90,000 copies of the issue prepared in 1914 to depict the line of Persian kings. They were never issued.

• Two more naval vessels received post offices again in July, the Plunkett and the Tautog.

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Editor's Notebook

READ MORE The editors of "Pabec," the monthly publication of the Philatelic Activity of the Brooklyn Edison Club, recently urged their membership to "Read More—Philatelically." Despite the wealth of reference articles existing, few collectors take advantage of them to enrich their knowledge of their stamps. Most of the contents of these articles appear in the philatelic press and eventually reach handbooks, but the sale of handbooks and the small encouragement authors receive indicate that only a small proportion of collectors really read up on their favorite stamps. Quizzes at stamp clubs often illustrate this. No other hobby that we know of, with the possible exception of photography, has so many publications devoted exclusively to it. None are expensive, so there seems little excuse other than poor eyes for any collector to be poorly informed.

—R. R.

Perts and Imperts

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an's *Home Companion* recalls the occasion in 1906 when a little girl with an autograph book asked the educator to write his name in the book. "Indeed I will," he said, "but I haven't any birthday. I was born a slave and do not know when. So I will write my name in the blank space after December 31."

"A HISTORY OF WRECK COVERS" has been published in England dealing with letters recovered from wrecks on sea and land. One reviewer commented on the "considerable amount of documentary matter for the enlightenment of those ghoulish-minded collectors who find in these relics of death and disaster a fascinating field..." Reminds us of the air crash cover collection we saw one time, a Rockne crash item being liberally sprinkled with blood—and of course highly prized! Nothing like looking over a few of these chillers during this hot weather.

THERE SEEMS TO BE CONSIDERABLE difference of opinion on the nationality of John Philip Sousa's father. We said Spanish, were corrected by more than one reader who said it was Portuguese, and now comes word that he was Italian! Pardon us if we feel just a little dizzy. Charles H. Griffith writes that Fred Christiana, Sousa's advance agent, says the father was Italian and that his real name was "John Philipposi" and upon arrival in this country changed it to its generally accepted form. Next!

EXPERT COMMITTEES ARE, WE suppose, a good thing, but recent revelation that one foreign dealer had used them to his advantage make us wonder. If one committee reported adversely he would submit the stamp to another, and if none were favorable he'd just forget all that they said.

POSTMASTERS NOW HAVE AN added duty, for in a July 11th order by P. M. G. Farley they are directed to report any alleged subversive activities of postal employees as well as other persons. Some of you seekers of super-centered stamps might wind up in such a report by "undermining the efficiency of the postal service by blocking stamp windows." Critical stamp editors might also be included, who knows?

SOME TIME AGO BINGHAMTON, N. Y. collectors protested our misspelling the name of their town as "Binghamton." Now we note a stampless cover postmark from "Binghamton" dated in 1851. Guess we were just old-fashioned in our spelling.

WHILE IT'S TRUE THAT MANY Easterners think everything west of Philadelphia is a wilderness, no one out here of course takes them seriously. While to these people the fact that an

Ohio post office is located in a log cabin would not be news; it would be to Ohioans. The other day we drove through the little Ohio River town of Hanging Rock and believe it or not, the post office was a neat log cabin!

NO DOUBT AT THE END OF EVERY session of congress, the biggest stack of waste paper is the file of applications for new stamps, accumulated by the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

THE AIR MAIL DIGEST, OFFICIAL organ of the Philippine Air Mail Society, arrived the other day. The first quarterly issue for 1940 and the last one for 1939 appeared together, featuring illustrating articles which the membership we are sure felt were worth waiting for.

111 MIXTURES

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Pitcairns in October

Stamp Collecting, London, quotes the Crown Agents for the British Colonies as stating that "it is the intention to open the post office on Pitcairn Island on October 15th." It is assumed therefore that the stamps will not be sold prior to that date. We have received inquiries how to remit for stamps and would advise readers to inquire of their local post offices for this information since regulations are constantly being changed. We repeat that mint stamps are to be sold through the Postmaster, Suva, Fiji Islands, and that first day covers will be served by the Chief Magistrate, Pitcairn. So far only the 1d, 3d and 2/6 values have been shipped and it is not known if the others will be on hand by Oct. 15, as Pitcairn receives mails at intervals of months.

No Defense Stamp

A number of proposals have recently been made for a stamp to raise funds for the Red Cross or national defense, and Mrs. Laura Yarmar of Mansfield submits a reply she received under date of May 27 from Ramsey S. Black, Third Asst. Postmaster General, when she suggested a 1c defense tax stamp. He wrote:

"The thought underlying your request is a most worthy one and, were it practicable to do so, we should be pleased to give the matter consideration. Under the present statutes, however, the money from all sales of postage stamps must be accounted for as postal revenue and we would have no authority unless properly empowered to do so, to divert funds from the sale of postage stamps to outside purposes."

First Flight At La Junta

Air mail service from La Junta, Colo., will be inaugurated in the near future on route A. M. 43 between Pueblo, Colo., and Garden City, Kansas. An official cachet will be applied to all first flight covers if a blank space approximately $3\frac{1}{2}$ " wide is left on the left side of front of cover. No cachet will be applied if this rule is not observed. Covers should be sent the postmaster, ready to go, and may as usual be addressed to any place, though they should bear indorsement in pencil on the face indicating which direction is desired (if any) such as "La Junta east" or "La Junta west."

• Post offices of Sunshine, Maine, and Vegan, W. Va., are to close on Aug. 15.

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Stamps Used for Money

Recently foreign correspondents have reported the prevalence of usage of postage stamps for money in both Italy and Spain. Lack of small coins and paper money being available only in units of liras and pesetas forced the use of stamps for small change. The United States postal service has used the $\frac{1}{2}$ c stamp since 1925 in making change on fractional postal rates for lack of a half-cent coin. China has been using stamps for small change ever since the dollar tumbled in value and silver was hoarded.

New Zealand Clipper Flight

Covers have been received from the first flight from New Zealand by Pan-American Airways Clipper. A cover received from Roy S. Farley, Brisbane, Australia, has stamps cancelled at Brisbane on August 29, 1939, postmark of Auckland, N. Z., of July 19, 1940, and backstamped at San Francisco on July 24, 1940. The letter had been posted when flight was expected to take place last September. 5,000 pounds of mail was carried on the first flight from San Francisco.

• The convention of the Universal Postal Union requires that when a letter has been misssent to an office, or is being forwarded from an office, that office shall place its postmark on the back of the letter. Upon post cards, however, the postmark must be placed upon the front.

Hong Kong Centenary Series

The Crown Agents have ordered printed six stamps to be issued early next year to commemorate the centenary of the Crown Colony of Hong Kong. Values are 2c, 4c, 5c, 15c, 25c and \$1, all bicolors with a full-face portrait of George VI common to all with main design various scenic views which in the order of denominations are: street scene, port scene of liner and junk, the University, the bank, and the "China Clipper" plane.

Soldiers Mail Free

Letters not exceeding two ounces in weight from members of the Canadian forces may be mailed from Canadian Army Field Post Offices free of postage commencing July 10 and be delivered to addressees without collection of postage. This applies to Canadian soldiers serving in England. Parcels to the soldiers are routed through Newfoundland and a low rate is in force.

• The curious blueprint stamps of Mafeking Besieged were produced to pay the local postage rate of 1d per half ounce for letters for delivery within the town and the rate of 3d for same weight letters to the forts and outlying outposts.

• The Rural Stamps of Baden listed in Scott's were not sold to the public but were used for collection of postage due on mail delivered by the rural post. They also were used to collect taxes of various sorts not directly related to postal business.

Poster Stamp Album

If you collect poster stamps you will need some way in which to mount and keep them. Most experienced collectors follow the methods of stamp collectors and mount them on pages with stamp hinges.

Due to the large and varied sizes of poster stamps, most collectors prefer plain pages. A rather heavy colored paper is preferred and LINPRINT is now offering suitable pages for Poster Stamp Collectors in a number of striking colors.

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A Record of New Issues and New Discoveries

By RAY SHEPARD—1529 Duxberry Ave.—COLUMBUS, OHIO



CUBA—Lions' Club Commemorative. Similar in design to the Rotary Commemorative stamp noted by us June 1st. Rotary, perf. 10, upright rectangular format. Background is the Cuban flag; across the top the wording "Republica de Cuba"; Lions' Club emblem and appropriate wording in lower left; palm trees to right side; lower right corner the figures of value:

2c. carmine

(H. W. K. Irvine)
(Rafael R. Garcia)

FINLAND—Commemorative. Honoring the 300th Anniversary of the founding of the University of Helsinki. Horizontal rectangular format, engraved, perf. 14, unwmkd. Numerals of value in each lower corner:

A45—2m. deep blue & blue (University of Helsinki)
(Whitfield, King & Company)

FRENCH GUIANA—Souvenir Sheet. Same data as given for Cameroons in our notes of July 20th:

A21—3fr. violet

Types of 1929-38. Further values to go with those noted by us June 1st. Typographed, unwmkd., perf. 13½x14, 14x13½:

A16—3c. gray lilac
A17—30c. green & brown
A17—45c. olive green & light green

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

FRENCH GUINEA—Souvenir Sheet. Same data on this as given for Cameroons in our notes of July 20th:

A6a—3fr. Prussian green

Type of 1938. Additional values to go with those listed by us June 8th; unwmkd., perf. 13:

A8—40c. black-brown
A8—45c. dark green

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

FRENCH INDIA—Souvenir Sheet. Same data as for Cameroons in our notes of July 20th:

A1a.—5fa. red violet

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

FRENCH OCEANIA—Souvenir Sheet. Same data as for Cameroons in our notes of July 20th:

A15—3fr. emerald

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

FRENCH SUDAN—Souvenir Sheet. Same data as for Cameroons in our notes of July 20th:

A17a.—3fr. magenta & black

Type of 1931-38. Typographed, perf. 13x14, unwmkd. Additional values to go with those listed by us June 15th:

A4—3c. dark red & black
A5—30c. dark blue & red-orange
A5—45c. olive-green & green

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

GERMANY—Semi-Postal Stamps. Horizontal rectangular format, engraved unwmkd., perf. 14. Commemorating the 2nd National Stamp Exposition in Berlin:

SP145—24pf. plus 76pf. dark green
(Hall of Honor)

Upright rectangular format, photogravure, perf. 14x13½, wmkd., swastikas. Commemorating the 51st birthday of Hitler:

SP146—12pf. plus 38pf. copper red
(Hitler greeting a little girl)

Small upright rectangular format, unwmkd., perf. 14, photogravure. Numeral of value in upper left corner:

SP147—6pf. plus 4pf. dark green
& light green
(Armed Soldier with legs outspread)
(Columbus Postage Stamp Co.)

GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS—Postage Due Stamps. The first set of such stamps is due for appearance soon. No details as to design at this time:

1d. bright green
2d. red
8d. brown
4d. blue
5d. sage
6d. purple
1s. deep violet
1s6d. bronze green

(Stamp Collecting)

GOLD COAST—New Value. Added to current series. Design is similar to One Shilling value:

10s. black & violet

(Stamp Collecting)

GREAT BRITAIN—Offices in Morocco. Spanish Currency. British stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of the postage stamp, overprinted and surcharged with a new value

for use here. Overprint is in black in three lines "MOROCCO AGENCIES 5 CENTIMOS":

A106—5c. on ½p. deep green
A106—10c. on 1p. scarlet
A106—15c. on 1½p. red-brown
A106—25c. on 2½p. bright ultramarine

Tangier. For use in this International Zone. British stamp, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the postage stamp, overprinted in one line in black "TANGIER":

A106—½p. deep green
A106—1p. scarlet
A106—1½p. red-brown

(R. Roberts)

GREECE—Balkan Entente Commemorative. Upright rectangular format, central portion in the shields of the four members of the Entente. Numerals of value in the upper corners. Lithographed:

6dr. ultramarine (500,000)
8dr. blue-gray (1,000,000)

(Columbus Postage Stamp Co.)

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Mint Recent British Colonials

#170C	Australia 3d.		\$.08
D1/3	Br. Guiana Dues	(3)	.20
O15/24	Burma Off. to 1R.	(10)	1.25
O15/25	Burma Off. to 5R.	(12)	4.15
107a	Cook £3		12.75
107b	Cook £5		21.25
96a	Dominica ¼d. Geo. VI.		.02
234/6	Egypt 30 to 50M.	(3)	.80
234/7	Egypt 30 to 100M.	(4)	1.50
234/8	Egypt 30 to 200M.	(5)	2.80
234/40	Egypt 30M. to £1	(7)	11.50
O61/9	Egypt Officials	(9)	.75
SP1	Egypt 5M. Semi-postal charity		.10
ARP3/4	Egypt 3M., 10M. Army.	(2)	.10
252/7	Great Britain		
252/7	Centenary	(6)	.35
252/7	Used Great Britain		.35
	Centenary	(6)	.35
	British Centenary		
96 & 99	Morocco	(7)	.35
150	Gwalior 3a, 6a.	(2)	.35
O57/64	Jhindh 25R. Geo. VI.		10.70
250/51	Jhindh Service	(8)	.75
	Newfoundland		
250/51	Provisionals	(2)	.50
	Used Newfoundland		.50
212a	New Zealand 8d.		.16
227a	Wmkd. Upright		.16
229/41	New Zealand 1d. re-eng. Geo. VI		.03
	Centenary	(18)	1.50
O77/87	New Zealand		
SP14/15	Centenary Officials	(11)	1.00
PF61	New Zealand Health	(2)	.15
PF62	New Zealand 30/		6.25
PF63	New Zealand 35/		7.25
PF64	New Zealand £2		8.50
PF64	New Zealand £2 10/		10.65
PF65	New Zealand £3		12.75
PF66	New Zealand £4		17.00
PF67	New Zealand £5		21.25
60a	Nigeria 1/3d. Geo. VI		.30
A10/14	Papua Airs	(5)	.60
58/65	So. Rhodesia		
	Comms.	(5)	.75
132	Johore 3c value		.07
37/49	Kelantan 1c to \$1.	(13)	2.00
37/50	Kelantan 1c to \$2.	(14)	3.30
37/51	Kelantan 1c to \$5.	(15)	6.50
63	Sudan 3 pi		.21
64	Sudan 5M. on 10M.		.05
O16	Sudan 5M. "S.G."		.05
59	Trin. & Tob. \$1.20		
	Geo. VI		1.40
60	Trin. & Tob. 4.80		
	Geo. VI		5.60
107/8	U. of S. A. 1/ pr.	(2)	.55
109/10	U. of S. A. 10/ pr.	(2)	5.00
O54/5	U. of S. A. ¼d. Off. pr.	(2)	.04
O56/7	U. of S. A. 1d. Off. pr.	(2)	.08
O58/9	U. of S. A. 2d. Off. pr.	(2)	.12
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A second department store installation took place in McCreery's and had a slogan, "Mailed at James McCreery—5th Ave. at 34th St., New York City." This mailomat, No. 51004, was in operation for only three months and then withdrawn due to insufficient demand for the service. Later this meter appeared in the new streamlined type at the Postage Stamp Centenary in Washington, May 2-6, with a commemorative slogan. There were over 11,000 covers mailed during the four days' celebration. Meter collectors are specializing in mailomat covers and, as there is a waiting list desiring installations, it is advisable to get items now, as later on these items will be valuable.

Readers of this column are invited to join the Meter Slogan Associates, a group of enthusiastic collectors who are eager to help other members. I shall gladly send application blanks to any interested collector who writes to me.

—Miss Althea Harvey,
4 Park Ave.,
Windsor, Conn.

International Philatelic Week

The Central Federation of Stamp Clubs is again sponsoring International Philatelic Week this year and has set the dates of November 10 to 16. Illus-



trated is the philatelic label produced by them for the event. The inclusion of the S. S. America is in compliment to the huge vessel, largest liner yet built in this country and which is scheduled to make a trial voyage this month. The labels are printed in blue on white background. They will be supplied at 25c per 100 from federation headquarters at Room 205, 58 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

* King George VI gave recently to the Red Cross fund the original set of miniature artists' drawing for the current Gilbert & Ellice issue, *Stamp Collecting* states.

Profits in Used Stamps

The *Chicago Tribune* of July 28 carried an article about Charles S. Petrie, who by using his knowledge of stamps rose from driver of a laundry truck in 1932 to general manager and part owner of a \$125,000 laundry business. He had been a stamp collector as a boy and when the depression hit him in 1932 he hit upon the idea of using a dollar's worth of stamps and getting back 15c. The way it worked he talked a brokerage office into using selected commemoratives on their correspondence with branch offices, Petrie buying the stamps back for as much as 25% of their original

face value. He netted about 15c on each dollar's worth. At present about 20 brokerage houses, banks and freight houses sell him stamps for his "controlled mail" business. From this source as well as a few others, have come most of the superb used blocks and full sheets of commemoratives now on the market.

• The mails from the besieged town of Mafeking, Bechuanaland Protectorate, were sent by runners in batches of 30 letters. The post office set up by the military authorities in a "bombproof" was open one hour each day except Sunday.

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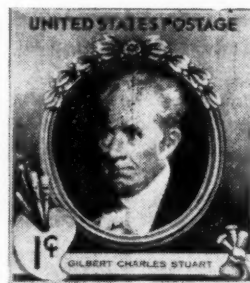
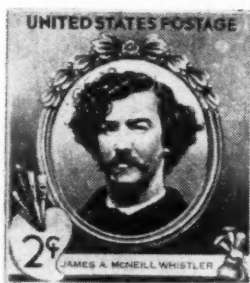
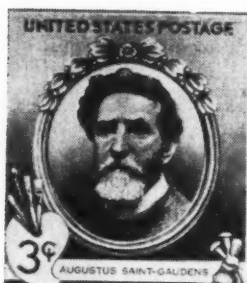
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Photos of Approved Designs of Artists Stamps



The sources from which the original portraits of the Artists group of the Famous Americans series were obtained have been made public. The Gilbert Stuart portrait is from a photograph of an engraving which in turn was copied from an original miniature by Sarah Goodrich. The engraving was in a book "National Portraits," Volume 1, published by Robert E. Peterson & Co., Philadelphia, in 1852. The book was in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing's library. The Whistler likeness is a re-

production of a photograph from a book entitled "Distinguished American Artists," published by Frederick A. Stokes & Co., New York. Compiled by Nathaniel Pousette-Dart. Book was supplied by the Corcoran Gallery of Art. The Saint-Gaudens portrait is from a photograph apparently of unknown source, obtained from the Washington Public Library. The French portrait is copied from a photo submitted by his daughter. The Remington portrait is from a photo by Davis & Sanford, which appeared in

Pearson's Magazine, October, 1907. The Corcoran Gallery of Arts supplied the magazine.

Carl T. Arlt engraved the die for the frame which is common for all five stamps. William A. Roach designed the group. James T. Vail and William E. Wells engraved the lettering on all the group. The portrait on the 1c die was engraved by William O. Marks, on the 2c and 3c by Matthew D. Fenton, the 5c by James R. Lowe and the 10c by Harry R. Rollins.

GUADELOUPE—Souvenir Sheet. Same data on this as given for Cameroons, in our notes of July 20th:

A21a—3fr. dark blue
Types of 1928-38. Further values to go with those noted by us June 15th. Typographed, unwmkd., perf. 14x13½:

A11—3c. yellow & red-violet
A12—45c. blue-green & dull green

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

GUATEMALA—Postal Tax Stamp. In our notes of June 8th, we chronicled this stamp with the "1940" overprint in violet. Already another has made its appearance, this time with the overprint in BROWN. Unwmkd., perf. 14:

PT2—1c olive-green (brown)

(R. Roberts)

HAITI—Type of 1933. Engraved, unwmkd., perf. 12:

A53—5c. olive green
A54—10c. red-brown

Air Post Stamp. New Value.

AP2—60c. brown

(Stamp Collecting)

HONDURAS—Souvenir Sheets. Issued in honor of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Pan-American Union. Engraved, centers

of stamps are lithographed, unwmkd., perf. 12. 75,000 sheets were issued perforated and 25,000 imperforate. In the upper right corner of the stamp is the portrait as noted after the value in the listing below. In the upper left corner of each stamp is the seal of Honduras. Central design is the Americas and flags of Honduras and the United States. Massed flags of the Nations is at the top of the sheet, appropriate wording below the stamps and the dates "1890" and "1940" to the left and right of the stamps respectively:

14c. black, yellow, ultramarine & rose
(Francisco Morazan)

16c. black, yellow, ultramarine & rose
(George Washington)

30c. black, yellow, ultramarine & rose
(J. C. del Valle)

40c. black, yellow, ultramarine & rose
(Simon Bolivar)

(R. Roberts)

HUNGARY — Semi-Postals. Further flood relief stamps, in the same design as that in the special sheet chronicled by us June 8th. Perf. 12x12½, wmkd. double cross on pyramid. 20f. plus 50f. stamp was issued May 6th, and other two values May 27th. Quantities issued noted after each:

10f. plus 2f. violet-gray (Soldier protecting

family from flood)—1,500,000

20f. plus 4f. red-orange (same)—1,000,000

20f. plus 50f. red-brown (same)—200,000

(Mark Revest)

ININI—Souvenir Sheet. Same data for this as given for Cameroons in our notes of July 20th:

A21—3fr. red-brown

Stamps of French Guiana, noted previously, overprinted in two lines "TERRITOIRE DE L'ININI," unwmkd., perf. 13½ x 14, 14 x 13½. On the two higher values the overprint is in one line and only the last word is in all capital letters:

A16—3c. gray-lilac & greenish blue

A17—30c. green & brown

A17—45c. olive green & light green

(Scott's Monthly Journal)

IRAQ—Pictorial Set. To appear within the near future. 1 and 2 fils will show the mausoleum of Sitt Zubaidah; the 4 & 5 will show the mausoleum of King Feisal I; the 3, 8, 10, 15 and 20, the famous Lion of Babylon; the 25, 30, 40, 50 & 75 the spiral tower of the great mosque at Samarra; the 100 & 200 an Oil Field in Iraq; the ½ & 1 Dinar, the Mosque with the golden dome at Samarra.

(Benjamin T. Baroody)

BROADWAY CHATTER

B Y B I S T A N D E R

As predicted last week in this column New York wholesalers enjoyed a run on the three Baltic countries which no longer exist as free and independent states. A small quantity of a regular postage issue from Estonia was received by a few wholesalers; needless to say, supplies didn't last long.

Another popular item on the New York wholesale market which is just about sold out, is the Balkan Entente issue. This issue comprises stamps issued by Greece, Jugo-Slavia, Turkey and Roumania. The interesting factor concerning these sets is that design released by all four countries is similar. They all feature the coat of arms from each country. One reason for the heavy demand for this series is that the dealer and collector both regard the Balkan Entente as a thing of the past. It seems that whenever a European country issues a set in anniversary of its independence, or anything hostile to the axis, something always happens to that country. I, as well as the others, am wondering if form will hold true.

With the inability of the European wholesalers to supply the New York market with older foreign issues, as well as packet material, some South American dealers have taken over this business. Much of this material is coming from Paraguay and Argentina. An obvious explanation for this is the fact that some former Continental European dealers moved to these South American countries and resumed business.

When the Belgium Red Cross and Reuben issues made their initial appearance, I predicted in this column that they would become "good" sets. This prediction of mine is confirmed by the fact that the wholesale market has substantially increased in price, with a great decrease in available supply. In

fact the New York supply on both these sets is nil.

Through conversations with some of the New York wholesalers I gathered the fact that the Red Cross set from Belgium seems to be scarcer than the Reuben set, even though the prices are about the same.

British Exports Banned

The British Board of Trade as of July 1st banned the export of stamps except under license. Just how seriously this may affect the current large international trade, chiefly with the U. S., is not yet apparent, but dealers in England have turned the control of licensing arrangements over to the British Philatelic Assn. The restrictions on stamp trading internationally are frankly designed to stop the exporting of wealth in the form of stamps which refugees in England have bought with that intent. The government, however, will not interfere, rather encourage, exports of stamps which will return money to Britain. Import of stamps for home consumption in Britain will not be permitted unless they are "necessary for the welfare of the country or are secured for profitable re-export." A meeting of dealers approved the government's control.

Auction Calendar

Aug. 20—U. S., Foreign. M. Chlman, 116L Nasau St., New York City.

Sept. 7—U. S., and Possessions. Uptown Stamp Co., 140L W. 42nd St., New York City.

• The shipping of \$5,000,000,000 of gold to Fort Knox from New York City will cost the Treasury Dept. about \$1,000,000 in postage, states a clipping from the *Newark Evening News*, submitted by A. L. Giannaula.

• Progress caused the end of the Progress, Pa., post office. On August 1 it was consolidated with the Harrisburg, Pa., post office, and a contract station replaced it.

• The *New York Times* states that heavy parcel post shipments of coffee from Spanish Guinea exhausted the postage stamp supply and revenues have been overprinted for the emergency.

• The 1940 census taken at Pitcairn Island shows, according to the KenMore Collector, a population of 200. The original settlers of 1790 totalled 21, including mutineers and Tahitians.

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The Executive Committee of the Oklahoma Philatelic Society unanimously passed at its meeting on June 23 a resolution requesting the U. S. government to prevent importation, sale or purchase of stamps of the totalitarian governments during any period they are at war and for 30 days after peace. The society charges in its resolution that "the money so raised may be being used here in the United States to finance the subversive activities and agents of foreign governments . . ."

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Mail Carrier Rides Horse

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• Stamp collector tourists entering the U. S. Capitol often pass without noticing the original of the design of the 6c Columbian. One of the bronze doors depicts scenes in Columbus' life and the second panel from the top at right side of door has the scene of Columbus being welcomed at Barcelona. Even the figures in the recesses at side have been copied for the stamp design.

• At the celebration of the Penny Black Centenary at Hamilton, Ontario, on May 4, Ernest Jarvis, President of the KenMore Stamp Co., delivered a talk, "Not in the Catalog," which is being reprinted serially in the KenMore Collector. He discussed the numerous British colonials unlisted in some or all catalogs.

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NOTES

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More Proof That Postal Employees Can't Read

If anyone has any doubts that illiteracy still exists in the U. S. he need only watch his mail for pre-first day covers. Despite the repeated notices in bold type to postal employees, new stamps continue to be sold at numerous offices prior to the authorized date. Charles Lephart of Columbus writes he has the 3c Emerson mailed from Carrollton, Ohio, on Feb. 5, and has seen the same stamp from there with cancellation of Feb. 1. He also has the Wyoming stamp cancelled July 8 at Orrville, Ohio, and Ludlow, Ky.

• Leon Gambetta, who is depicted on the French stamp of 1938, made a flight from besieged Paris in the balloon Armand Barbe, which carried mail as well. It was under a temporary government setup by Gambetta at Tours that the Bordeaux temporary prints of French stamps were made.

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Portuguese Honor Hill

Portugal, the California Collectors Club advises, will issue a series of stamps depicting Sir Rowland Hill, commemorating the centenary of the adhesive postage stamp. Denominations are 15, 25, 35, 40, 50 and 80 centavos and 1 and 1.75 escudos. Quantities range from 800,000 to 20,000,000. There will also be 50,000 souvenir sheets containing the whole series, and these despite the face value of 5.20 Escudos will be sold for 10E. No information on purpose of surtax.

In addition to the two stamps depicting figure of Portugal's first king, issued June 4, additional values depicting a caravel (a reproduction now anchored in the River Tagus at the current Lisbon Exposition) were issued July 16 (25c and 1E). Two others will depict statue of John IV and commemorate restoration of independence in 1640. Another pair will depict the Imperial Exhibition Pavilions at Lisbon.

• From V. Mokler, postmaster of the newly established Hells Half Acre, Wyo., post office comes one of the first day covers he advertised a few weeks ago, enclosing a descriptive circular of these bad lands.

• The Washington Philatelic Society meets each Wednesday evening at the Hotel Mayflower. Visitors are always welcome, they write. Capt. Wilbur R. Van Auken was recently elected president.

• When the 72nd Street Newsreel Theatre of New York City showed a short feature on stamp collecting, Herman Herst, Jr., supplied a lobby exhibition of stamps and covers dealing mainly with the Penny Black.

Guatemala Starts Another Map Dispute

Gibbons Stamp Monthly gives prominence to a change of maps on the current 5c postage stamp of Guatemala which appears to have otherwise passed unnoticed. In 1936 a new 5c stamp was issued which had the map of Guatemala with boundaries as found on maps of the National Geographic Society (U. S.). Though Mexico, Salvador and Honduras are indicated on the map, British Honduras which bounds Guatemala to the northeast, is indicated only as "Belice" —the Spanish form of the name of the capital of Britain's Crown Colony. In the fall of 1939, the same 5c design was adopted in a new issue with inscription changed from "Guatemala" to "Correos de Guatemala" and printed in four colors instead of two as before. A significant change was however made in the map; the whole of British Honduras now being included within the boundaries of Guatemala and the "Belice" inscription omitted. The Guatemalan stamp designer stopped short of titling the territory just annexed via a stamp, by putting the title "Guatemala" on the map in such a way that it avoids infringing on the new "addition." Britain's title to the colony has been disputed by Guatemala in a general way and even the United States did not recognize British sovereignty there until 1850. The British hold the territory by right of conquest the settlers of log-cutters and ex-pirates in 1798 decisively defeating a seemingly overwhelmingly superior Spanish force sent from Yucatan to expel them. The republic of Guatemala has never been strong enough to attempt such a feat, though like all its neighbors it has had hostilities at times with foreign powers. Anyway, Guatemala has re-opened the dispute by a map stamp, the latest (and safest) way of annexing territory. Its government evidently adheres to the stamp map tactics used in times past by Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Peru, Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay, Nicaragua and Honduras. Apparently it's just an old Latin-American custom. However, there may be more to the matter than at first appears as a newspaper comment recently noted was to the effect that Britain may cede the colony to Guatemala, so the new map stamp may simply be forecasting the future.

• Though a crocodile appears on the design of Basutoland's stamps, the reptile is not a native of the country and exists only in the legends and superstitions of the natives who came from regions infested with crocodiles. The reptile is the emblem of the ruling native house.

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Notes on U. S. Issues

At least one South African collector thinks the 1869 issue of U. S. are commemoratives. A Miss Greer recently exhibited some pages of "U. S. Commemoratives and read a very interesting paper on them," the *South African Philatelist* reports. "Amongst those shown was the 1869 issue (commemorating the joining of the Central Pacific and Union Pacific Railways) . . ." Strangely enough, none of the officials of 1869 knew that!

NOTE—We cannot undertake to advise readers where they can sell their stamps, nor how much their stamps are worth. If you have stamps to sell, consult the ads of the various dealers.

A first day cover of the first U. S. Special Delivery stamp is illustrated in the *July Collectors Club Philatelist*. Mailed at Altoona, Pa., Oct. 1, 1885, it contained a letter from the postmaster to his son and was mailed as a souvenir of the occasion, calling attention to his son's buying the first Postal Note as well (1883). The letter was the first one delivered at Altoona by special delivery.

One of the largest blocks of a Columbian dollar value offered in recent years is a top plate and imprint block of 10 of the \$3 which is offered in the August 14 Klein sale. The imprint "No. 106 AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY BB" spreads across the tops of four stamps.

The lack of spacing in the date of the first day cancellation of the Wyoming stamp is called to our attention by Harold Abrams, Dorchester, Mass. The space between "JUL" and "10" is lacking and reads like the Spanish word for July "JULIO". He says several people noticed it when shown his first day cover.

The present envelope contract comes to an end late this year and there is possibility of new designs in addition to usual change of watermark. A change of contractor is considered unlikely as only the present contractor has the necessary equipment.

In 1883 the U. S. postal service inaugurated a Postal Note feature. Any sum less than \$5 could be deposited at a Money Order post office and a receipt for the sum, less a 3c fee, was given. The receipt, or Postal Note as it was termed could be used as money to the extent that it could be cashed at any money order post office. That was in the days before mail order houses reached their peak and for that and other reasons the new feature was not used as much as was expected and was eventually discontinued. Since then there have been increasing demands for a return of some-

thing like this to do away with use of stamps for small remittances.

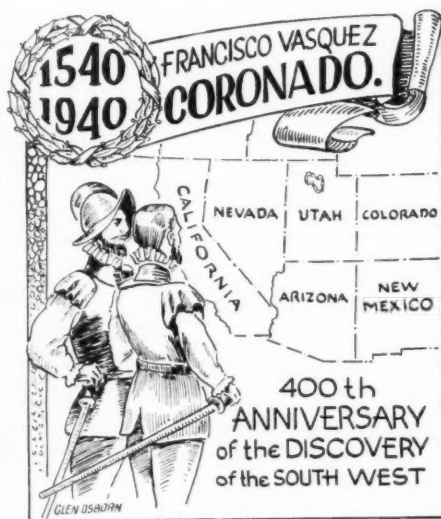
243 copies of the 90c 1869 are illustrated in the catalog of the Eugene Klein auction to take place at the A.P.S. Convention. These are from the F. W. Pickard collection. 39 copies are unused. All are singles. Though many are fine copies of the stamp, a large proportion of the total are damaged, repaired, regummed or reperforated copies. The prices these bring will attract a great deal of attention as this is the largest

lot of these believed to have been auctioned in many years.

The postal service of the United States under the constitution was established by an Act of Sept. 22, 1789. The head of the postal service was titled then as now, "Postmaster General", but he was under the Treasury Department. In 1829 the Post Office Department was established as a separate department and the head of it became a cabinet officer.

Our Philippine Correspondent advises that Elizalde & Co., Inc., at Manila have commenced using a meter machine. Is it like those in use in U. S. and is it PB type.

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